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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study demonstrates that circ_0003356 can inhibit the growth of gastric cancer. The targeted sequences of miR-668-3p in SOCS3 may be explained in detail in "SOCS is targeted by miR-668-3p" in page 12. Pictures in Figure 6 may be more clearly shown.

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Li et.al found that circ_0003356 expression was positively related to GC patient prognosis, which is down-regulated in GC tissues and cells. Then, they confirmed that circ_0003356 up-regulation or miR-668-3p down-regulation could repress migration, viability, proliferation, EMT, and invasion of GC cells and facilitate GC cell apoptosis. In xenograft mice, circ_0003356 up-regulation could suppress tumor growth. Meanwhile, they targeted miR-668-3p by circ_0003356, and SOCS3 was targeted by miR-668-3p. Finally, they reversed EMT by miR-668-3p up-regulation or SOCS3 down-regulation in GC cells. These findings are very interesting. Minor comments: 1. The exact p values should be provided in the main text across the manuscript. 2. The references for published GEO database and GSE184882 dataset should be added. 3. In Figure 4, the corresponding quantitative values for biology experiments should be described and analyzed in the main text.